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### One-Third Size Railroads.

The up-country Pacific-coast papers are running over with the latest phase of railroad building, which has permanently established itself in Wales.

The novelty of the thing consists in making a road and rolling-stock of one-third the usual size and weight and cost, do as much business and as speedily as two-thirds of that done on our large-sized roads, cars, etc. The advantages of this system in a rough and crooked country like this coast, cannot be over estimated. As feeders to main lines, and for penetrating every nook and corner of the country at comparatively trifling cost,—there has never been anything like it suggested.

Now, who do we hear first of engaging in it? San Francisco, that never built any but its own street railroads, and has none too many of them.

Your San Francisco capitalists can organize more important schemes (on paper) than any city of its size in the world. They are eternally spanning "the bay" with suspension or other bridges by which to reach the main land, but the structures never get beyond the wind-work, or a franchise to sell out. San Francisco must have the credit of being a very liberal city on the subject of mines, and perhaps if she can once get a small bit of small railroad started, she will get to like the business of internal improvements on a large scale, and at least not throw cold water on those enterprises of merit either in or outside her own State.

Let us be hopeful that the turning-point has at last been reached.

NEW MEXICO ITEMS.—Files of Santa Fe papers to the 11th, are at hand. Gov. McCormick arrived there on his way to Washington, on the 8th. He received all the attention he could ask from the citizens, and the press generally. On the 10th, he resumed his journey by stage toward the railroad. He was accompanied by Jas. Carson, who has been visiting the mines as far west as Burro, and goes to New York to report. Mr. Ryerson, Adj't. Gen. of the Territory, has resigned. The hold-over Senators and politicians were caucusing at Santa Fe on the subject of having a session of the Legislature this winter.

PHENIX.—This place is in Salt river valley, north of the Gila. Advice of late date state that the rains will enable the farmers to raise good crops next year without irrigation; that settlement is going ahead satisfactorily, and that Land Register Berry was down there from Prescott taking statements. The Sonorans who had stock stolen and sold to settlers on Salt river, have got most of it back.

## Notas y Avisos para Nuestros Lectores Mejicanos.

### DEPRADACIONES DE INDIOS.

El tren de los Sres. Tully, Ochoa & DeLong que llevaba flete del Tucson para Apache Pass fue atacado el Domingo pasado, dia 18 del presente, a cosa de unas treinta millas acia al Este de este lugar, por una partida de Indios, cerca de setenta y cinco en numero; los cuales eran todos buenos guerreros y bien provistos de armas ventajosas. Despues de una apurada y feroz pelea, resultaron con perdida de un hombre y dos malmente heridos, cuyos nombres respectivos son; Martin Rivera, Teodosio Caravajal y Nepifanio Barragan, el primero muerto y los dos ultimos heridos.

Los salvajes fueron tan afortunados que despues de no haber tenido ninguna perdida, arreararon consigo 37 cabezas. Fue este un ataque de los mas terribles que se han visto en Arizona; pues habia mas de treinta Indios tan acostumbrados a guerrillas con los trenes, que parecian mas bien andar en diversion, que en precipicio de perder sus vidas, pues no los detenia ni respetaban a las mismas balas.

La escena de la refriega fue al Sur de la ruta del correo y a poca distancia del lugar donde quemaron el coche en Agosto pasado.

El Sr. DeLong llevo a tiempo de Apache Pass para traer a los heridos al Tucson que es donde estan y se les atendera cuidadosamente hasta que recobren de sus heridas.

El dia 15 del corriente, los Indios se arreararon un hato de rees del Rio de San Pedro, pero los residentes de ese lugar tomaron tanto empeno en perseguirlos, que al fin consiguieron solo en haceros abandonar el ganado sin atreverse a darles batalla. Se alcanzaron a cosa de 18 millas de donde fueron perseguidos.

Los Tenientes Cushing y Bourke, salieron de aqui con algunas tropas, en seguimiento de los Indios que asaltaron el tren de los Srs. Tully y Ochoa, pero es muy dudoso que hallen a estos bribones mas de viboras.

El Teniente Cushing volvio ya de su expedicion, durante la cual sorprendio una rancheria de Indios, de los cuales solo logro matar uno o dos y capturar una parte de propiedad que llevaban consigo. Cushing y Bourke llegaron de vuelta el jueves, y ambos salen otra vez, para hacer un completo exploratorio al enemigo.

### ASUNTOS GENERALES.

El valle del Rio Salado se esta poblando rapidamente. Hay sin embargo terreno para muchos otros labradores que quieran establecerse en ese riachuelo.

El Fuerte Goodwin sera dentro de poco abandonado por el Gobierno; de suerte que las fabricas podran bien proporcionarles albergue a todos los que deseen sembrar en el Gila. En aquella vecindad se encuentran buenos terrenos, que ademas tendrian la ventaja de estar cerca del mercado, tales como el fuerte Thomas y Apache Pass como tambien de las minas de las Burras.

No hay en Arizona bastantes productos, manufacturas, ni tampoco hay suficiente cultivo de vias u otros arboles frutales como son duraznos manzanas ect. ect.

Los habitantes deberian hacer sus propias baquetas y escobas, las que se traen aqui a costa de muchos gastos.

Manana es Noche-Buena. Este es un dia en que todos los cristianos sienten un gran regocijo dentro de sus corazones; y cualquiera que sean sus creencias, siempre se unen para celebrarlo. Esperamos que todos se regocijarian en extremo. Todos los que no reciben su aguinaldo pueden bien darlo a otros. Esta noche se podran adquirir en la Loteria de Zeckendorf. Vengan por uno o mas.

Alegre Noche-Buena y feliz Ano Nuevo son los deseos del Citizen.

### ASUNTOS ESTRANEROS.

La guerra entre Francia y Prusia, sigue todavia; y como de costumbre, los Franceses han sido derrotados en casi todas partes.

Se cree que Paris, la capital de Francia caira en manos del enemigo dentro de una o dos semanas.

Ya vemos que el gobierno que mando a Maximiliano a Mejico, tiene ahora que sentir.

## LETTER FROM BURRO MINES.

The Weather—The Town Growing—An Enthusiastic Groul at Postal Wants—A Big Time Christmas, Etc., Etc.

RALSTON, Dec. 14, 1870.—Last night we were visited with a light fall of exceeding white snow. The temperature here for a few days has been rather low for this section, with more wind which like a two edged sword cut both ways. The snow storm has had the good effect to modify the weather and this evening while I am writing we are having a gentle shower of rain. We may again have the genial sun and the balmy breeze for a while, that makes its tardy way to other and more rigorous regions in April and June.

Two trains loaded with corn passed here on yesterday for Apache Pass.

Our town is gradually growing notwithstanding the quiet times. The people are generally busy preparing for the opening of business which promises to be at an early day. The greatest inconvenience we have to encounter is the facility for mails.

The Postmaster at Rio Mimbres has got his ire excited at something some one at Santa Fe has said and is endeavoring to seek his vengeance on this community by withholding all mail matter for this place; so dignified has he become that he will not deign to honor a written order but insists that all must appear "en persona" for their mail, else furnish for want of news. Whether it is because he cannot read a written order, or that he desires to make a personal acquaintance of the good people of Ralston is not yet definitely known. There are those here who are anxiously awaiting the arrival of letters of great importance, and it has been hinted that some of them may be obliged to go to the Mimbres to get their mail. I have no doubt but that one visit from Ralston will fully satisfy the curiosity of the Mimbres officials, hence it is to be hoped the mail will come by next coach.

The Burro Minstrels have not made an appearance before the public but are diligently engaged in preparing for the holidays. Some of the boys are in the mountains after turkey and it is confidently expected to have the biggest time between the two Oceans on Christmas. Hepner is going to he(l)p, Pantlone will pant, Savage will fight, Power, lend his strength, Tom. Dunn, will pay up, LaBell will re-label his sugar and coffee for profit, Jim. Wood will burn a match, Grant will keep his potatoes, George Warren take a drink, Haggerty look more haggard, if he don't cease taking drinks, and Riley will do as he agrees every time. As Congress is about to convene I will hold my breath for the present, and wish you Tucsonians, all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Truly, R.

NEVADA JOURNALISM, &c.—The Republicans having lost Elko county, Nevada, The Semi-Weekly Chronicle came down to once a week, and then yielded the ghost. But the truth is, that railroad town has had its business cut into by the many rival stations, and one paper must hedge to live. At Reno, the Republicans won, and now they have two papers (one sore-head and one regular) there. But there too other business seems, on the contrary, to be getting its second wind, and is truly the only railroad town between Truckee and Corinne that appears to be a fixture and possessing a splendid future. The Sierra is a healthy background, that there is no going back of, and Reno has a great frontage.

A large amount of freight has been forwarded to Tucson during the past week, by Messrs. Gordon, Stewart & Co. —[San Diego Bulletin, 17th.

## Bills Before Congress.

When Congress adjourned a large number of important bills were pending. Many of these are likely to come up early in the present session. Among the more important bills are the following.

Bill to encourage ship-building, etc. There are several bills to increase American commerce, among which is that of the Mediterranean and Oriental Steamship Navigation Company. These bills mostly provide for the transportation of the United States mails to Europe by a steamship built in the United States.

Bill to grant a subsidy to a line of steamers built between San Francisco and ports in Australia.

A bill to encourage telegraphic communications with foreign countries. Included in this bill are the proposals of a telegraph cable between San Francisco and China and Japan, and also between a port in the United States and Belgium.

A bill to relieve members of Congress from importunity, and to preserve the independence of the different departments of the government.

A resolution to regulate the hours of labor throughout the United States.

A bill to establish a postal telegraph system in the United States.

A bill to make the importation of immigrants under labor contracts unlawful.

A bill to reform the civil service of the United States.

A bill to establish a territorial government in Alaska.

Bills to admit as States in the Union the territories of Colorado and New Mexico.

A bill to aid the Kansas Pacific Railway, and also one for the construction of the Memphis and El Paso and the Midland Pacific railways.

A bill to punish polygamy.

A bill to reduce the rates of postage and to abolish the franking privilege.

A bill to regulate the government printing, and to do away with the publication of public documents for general distribution.

It is not probable that all of these bills will pass, at least in their present shape. Some of them will lead to protracted discussion, and will disclose a strong opposition.

## The Arizona Contest.

As is usual when a party is badly beaten, the opponents of Governor McCormick in Arizona are now charging that his election was by fraud, but they establish nothing whatever. On the Colorado River, where from gratitude for his action in changing the route of the Government freight every one wished to help him, there may, at one or two points, have been an excessive vote, but elsewhere no question can possibly be raised; and if all the votes upon the Colorado to which the least suspicion is attached, were thrown out he would yet have a large majority. But we hear it on good authority that at Phoenix some one hundred probably illegal votes were cast for Brady, and sworn in, and at Wickenburg nearly fifty of the same character were cast. Indeed throwing out the votes in Yavapai Co., known to be illegal, Gov. McCormick carried the county by a small majority. Persons who live in glass houses should not throw stones; and men who resorted to such dodges as did the Mowry-Brady-Oury party in Arizona in the recent election should be very careful how they complain of, or criticize the course of others. Gov. McCormick is not only legally re-elected to Congress from Arizona, but he is elected by a very large majority, considering the vote cast, the independent and manly platform he occupied and the mendacious character of the opposition to him—for surely a good and faithful officer was never more unreasonably, malignantly or unjustly opposed. His re-election should have been a unanimous grateful vote rather than by a contest the most intense and virulent ever had in the Territory. Mowry has much to answer for in stirring up (as he did to a great degree) such malicious and unwarrantable antagonism to the best representative and friend Arizona has ever had, and will yet repent it.—[San Diego Bulletin.

'MAKING FRAUD ODIUS'—Everywhere the Press is 'going for' Mowry and his lying dispatch about Arizona. And the telegraph is repenting, too.